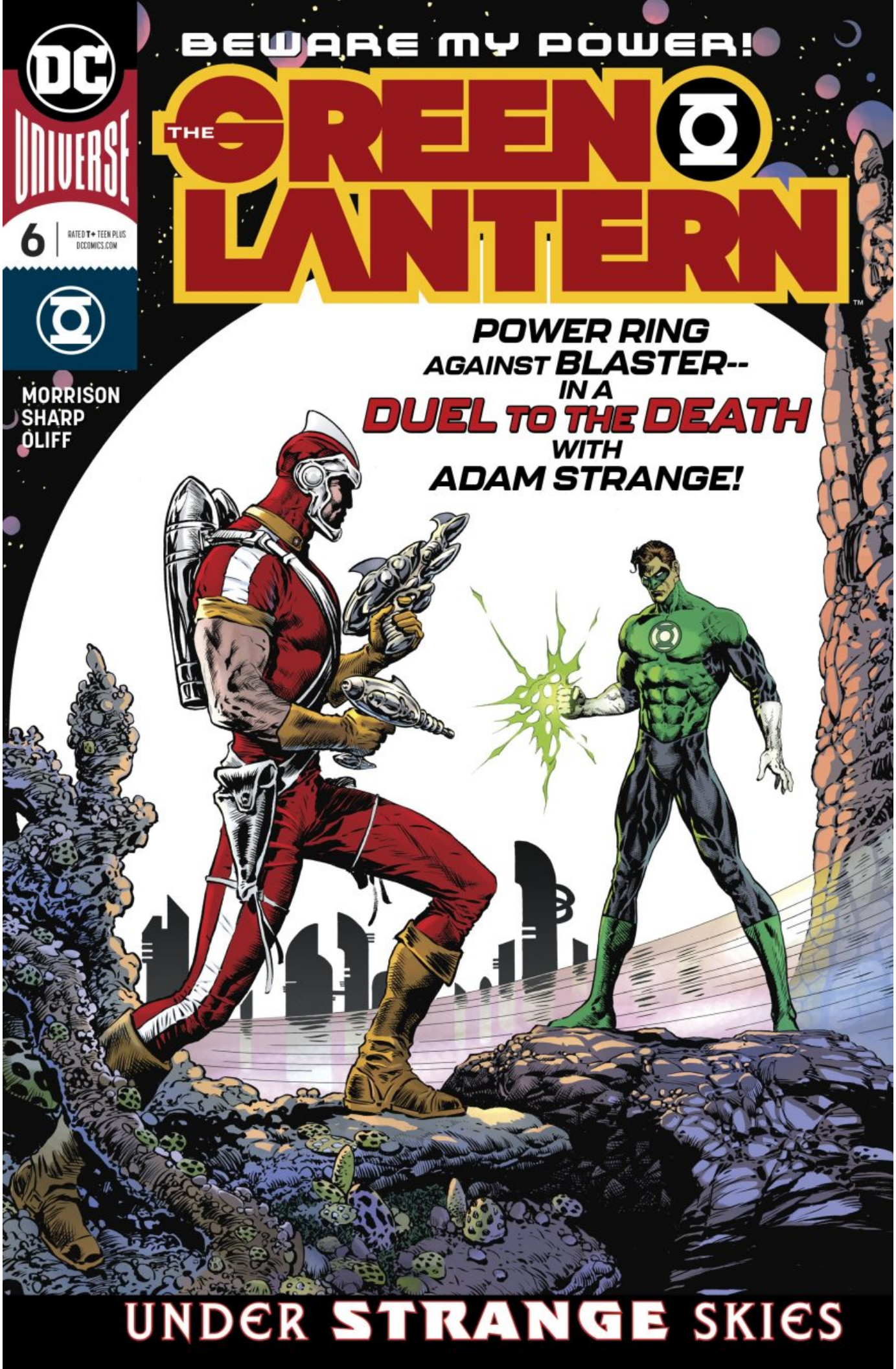
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UNDER STRANGE SKIES

SHAZAM!

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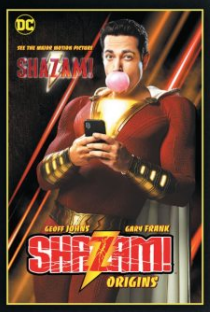

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HAL, IT'S ME!
ARE YOU INSANE?
I WON'T KILL AN UNARMED OPPONENT.
MAKE IT A FAIR CONTEST, COUNTESS.
NOT THIS.
JESUS, HAL.
VERY WELL.
A FAIR CONTEST.

CONTROLLER MU.
THE SCIENCE COUNCIL OF RANN REGARDS YOUR UNWELCOME "INCURSION" AS AN ACT OF AGGRESSION.
YET MU BEARS NO ARMS, SCIENCE-MINISTER SARDATH.
MU'S TERMS ARE SIMPLE AND NON-NEGOTIABLE.
EMBRACE THE OCCUPATION, OR FACE ANNIHILATION.
UNDER STRANGE SKIES
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...WE WILL NOT BE THREATENED!
MY HUSBAND, ADAM STRANGE OF EARTH, IS THE PROTECTOR OF RANN.
WE HAVE GREEN LANTERN SUPPORT...
ONLY MU'S BLACKSTARS CAN PROTECT RANN NOW, SCIENTESS ALANNA.
WE BRING TRUE PEACE AND ORDER.
YOU WILL UNDERSTAND...
MU IS OF AN ANCIENT RACE.
WE OF MALTUS CAME OF AGE UNDER STRANGE SKIES, A LONG, LONG WAY FROM HERE.
MARVELOUS ARE THE GIFTS MU BRINGS.
PERFECT SOLUTIONS TO ALL YOUR WORLD'S PERSISTENT PROBLEMS.
A GOLDEN AGE!
...UNLESS SUN-EATERS WERE TO DEVOUR YOUR STAR AND ITS COMPANIONS.
YOUR PET "SUN-EATERS" ARE DEAD.
WE HEARD THE GREEN LANTERNS INTERVENED.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
THE COSMOS WILL SURELY BREED NEW MONSTERS, STRONGER AND MORE TERRIBLE THAN THEIR FOREBEARS.
SUN-EATERS TAKE SIX HUNDRED YEARS TO MATURE, CONTROLLER MU.
I'M NOT STUPID.
NOTHING YOU SAY OR DO CAN INTIMIDATE ME.
IT WOULD SEEM SO...

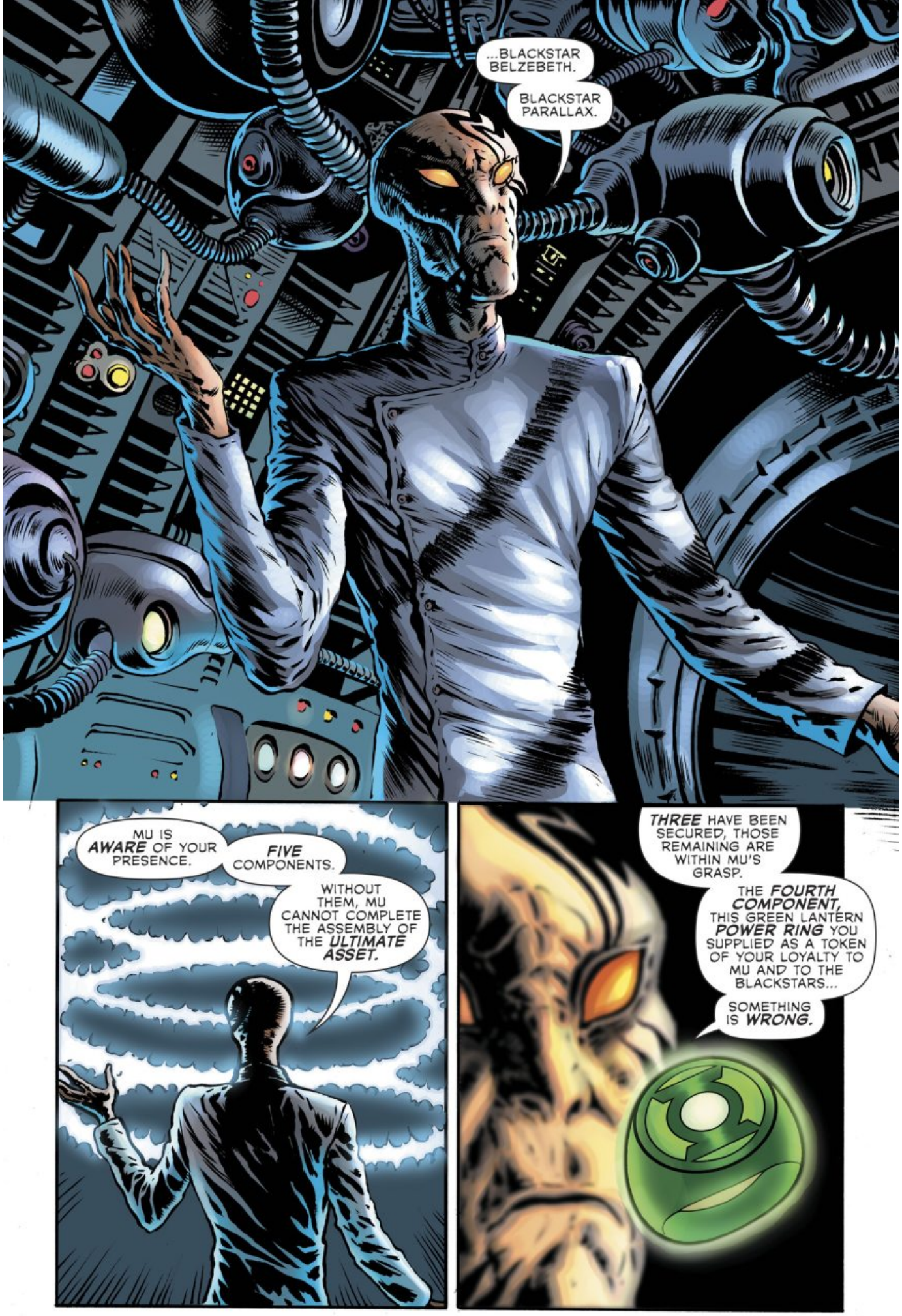
YOU SPOKE OF RANN'S PROTECTOR, YOUR PARTNER, ADAM STRANGE...
WE WISH THIS DEMONSTRATION WERE UNNECESSARY BUT...
HAL, FOR GOD'S SAKE.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
WHAT IS THIS?
YOU WILL EACH WALK TEN PACES.
ONLY THEN WILL YOU BE PERMITTED TO TURN AND DISCHARGE YOUR WEAPONS.
BY ORDER OF PLANETARY CONTROLLER MU.
HAL, IN GOD'S NAME!
TALK TO ME!
SHH!
FOUR.
FIVE.
SIX.
ARE YOU LISTENING, JORDAN?
HAL.
WHATEVER THEY'VE DONE TO YOU, FIGHT IT...
NINE.

TEN!
ZTTAA!
STRANGE.
ADAM!

NO...
YOUR CHILD COULD BE NEXT.
EVERYTHING THAT MATTERS TO YOU COULD FOLLOW.
BETTER TO SURRENDER CONTROL OF YOUR WORLD TO US WILLINGLY.
DON'T YOU AGREE?
CONGRATULATIONS.
AS I HOPED...
...THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN WE THOUGHT--

GET BACK!
STAY AWAY FROM HIM!
YOU KILLED MY HUSBAND!
HE WAS YOUR FRIEND!
YOU!
YOU'RE RANN'S GREEN LANTERN!
YOU'RE OUR POLICEMAN!
YOU.
STAY--STAY AWAY FROM HIM!
...ADAM, OH ADAM!...
DEPARTMENT OF SALVAGE! WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO HARVEST THE BODY OF ADAM STRANGE FOR ITS SUPERIOR TERRAN ORGANS AND REPRODUCTIVE POTENCY.
DOES HIS BOND-PARTNER CONSENT?
YES. YES, I DO.
ON RANN, NOTHING IS WASTED.
NOTHING--NOTHING TRULY DIES.

GHOULS.
I LIKE THAT ABOUT THEM.
YOU'VE EARNED YOUR AUDIENCE WITH CONTROLLER MU.
ANYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE OVER-MASTER?
I'D HATE TO PUT MY FOOT IN IT BY BRINGING UP THE WARTS ON HIS TRUNK, OR...
CONTROLLER MU HAS NO TRUNK.
CENTURIES AGO, HE REJECTED ORTHODOX DOCTRINE TO PURSUE HIS OWN VISION OF UNIVERSAL HARMONY...
HENCE THE WHOLE PRIVATE ARMY THING?
ONLY "BLACKSTAR" SOUNDS BETTER THAN "DARK-STAR"?...
I MEAN, IT DOES, BUT...
BLACK IS ABSOLUTE.
LIKE THE VISION OF CONTROLLER MU.
ABSOLUTE?
ONE UNSTOPPABLE WISH.
NOTHING LESS THAN A NEW REALITY, WHERE LOVE AND PEACE GUIDE THE STARS.
LOVE AND PEACE, RIGHT.
YOU NEVER TOLD ME WHY YOU CHOSE TO GIVE IT ALL UP AND FOLLOW HIM, COUNTESS.
NO--I NEVER DID.
JUST AS YOU NEVER WORKED OUT THE NATURE OF THE ULTIMATE WILL-POWERED WEAPON.
IT IS US.
HE PROVIDES PURPOSE, WE SUPPLY POWER.
WE ARE MU'S WILL IN ACTION.


...BLACKSTAR BELZEBETH.
BLACKSTAR PARALLAX.
MU IS *AWARE* OF YOUR PRESENCE.
FIVE COMPONENTS.
WITHOUT THEM, MU CANNOT COMPLETE THE ASSEMBLY OF THE *ULTIMATE ASSET.*
THREE HAVE BEEN SECURED, THOSE REMAINING ARE WITHIN MU'S GRASP.
THE *FOURTH COMPONENT,* THIS GREEN LANTERN *POWER RING* YOU SUPPLIED AS A TOKEN OF YOUR LOYALTY TO MU AND TO THE BLACKSTARS...
SOMETHING IS *WRONG.*

THE RING REFUSES TO YIELD ITS SECRETS.
IT IS ALIVE AND RESISTANT.
IT APPEARS TO BE BOOBY-TRAPPED IN A NUMBER OF INGENIOUS WAYS.
WELL...
...GUARDIAN TECHNOLOGY CAN BE TRICKY AND STUBBORN.
GUESS THEY SHUT IT OFF REMOTELY AND SCRUBBED MY IDENT--
--IN CASE IT FALLS INTO THE WRONG HANDS.
MAKE IT WORK.
APPLY YOUR WILLPOWER.
SHOW US HOW IT WORKS OR WE WILL CRUSH YOUR MIND TO SCREAMING, DISORGANIZED FRAGMENTS.
NOT QUITE THE BLESSINGS AND BENEDICTIONS I EXPECTED WHEN THE COUNTESS DELIVERED YOUR SUMMONS.
I JUST SHOT ADAM STRANGE FOR YOU.
MY COLLEAGUE ADAM STRANGE.
...PLASMA CONSTRUCT INJURIES!
THIS WAY!
LAY HIM DOWN ON THE MEDI-FACTOR!
WHAT--WHAT'S THIS?
NO WOUNDS?
HE'S...

KKAAAUH!
...UH..."NOTHING TRULY DIES"?
HAL... PUT ME IN A COMA.
HE FAKED MY DEATH.
ADAM, THEY HAVE ALEEA...
THE MONSTERS ARE AT THE GATES OF RANAGAR AGAIN.
...I WAS THE GREEN LANTERN ASSIGNED TO RANN.
CENTAURI IS THE CLOSEST STAR SYSTEM TO EARTH.
THESE PEOPLE WERE UNDER MY JURISDICTION.
EVEN THEN, I DID EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED!
SO I'M THROUGH WITH DUMB ORDEALS AND FRAT BOY HAZINGS!
YOU GOT THE RING, YOU GOT ME, NOW WHAT?

WE GOT YOU, YES.
THE CHEMICAL COMPONENTS OF SWEAT, THE CAREFULLY CONTROLLED BREATHING, PULSE AND HEART RATE.
THE UNCHARACTERISTIC UNCERTAINTY AND SELF-DOUBT OF A MAN WHO VALUES HONESTY AND TRUTH...
...YET KNOWS HE MUST PRACTICE DECEIT.
YOU CANNOT SUPPRESS YOUR PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES.
MU HAS STUDIED YOUR LIMITED HUMAN BLUEPRINT.
MU KNOWS EVERY LEVER, EVERY WHEEL AND COG OF YOU.
PUT THIS IN PERSPECTIVE.
WE CHILDREN OF MALTUS WERE TINKERING WITH VOID-SHIP ENGINES WHEN YOUR ANCESTORS WERE CELLS, PUZZLING OUT THE MECHANISM FOR DIVISION.
MU IS THE CONTROLLER.
THE GUARDIANS ASSIGNED YOU TO INFILTRATE THIS ORGANIZATION AND TO "NEUTRALIZE" US.
CORRECT?

YEAH-- YEAH, YOU'RE ***RIGHT.***

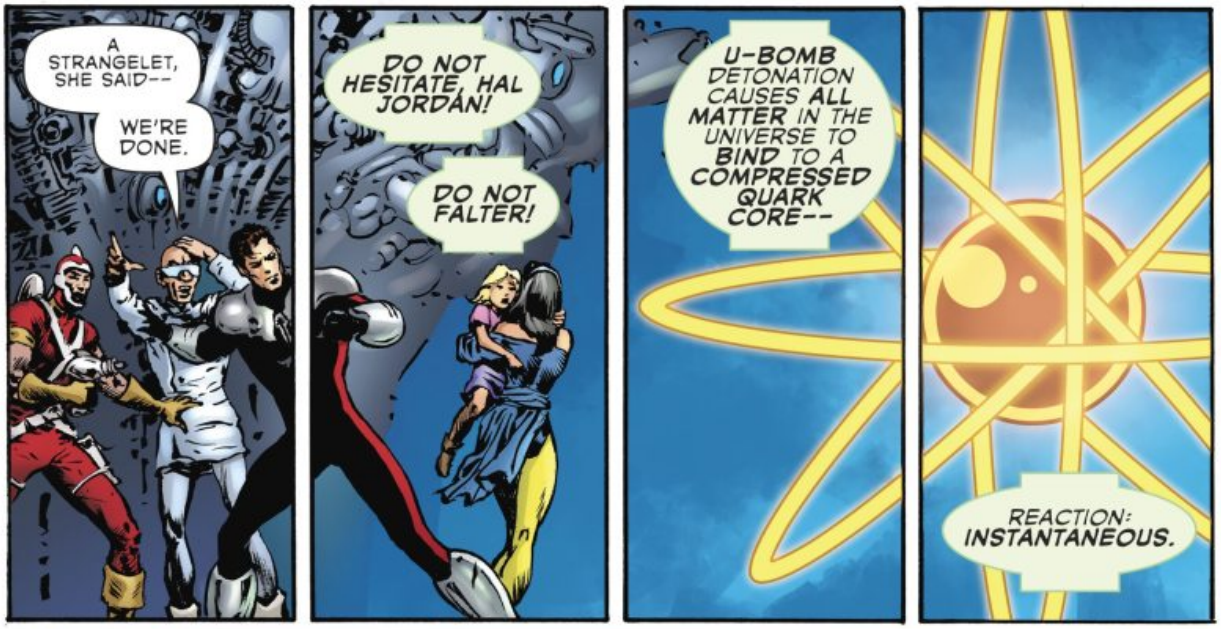
BUT HONESTLY, WHAT I'VE ***SEEN*** IN ACTION, WHAT I'VE ***HEARD*** FROM ***BELZEBETH*** HERE...

I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE ***WHOSE*** SIDE I'M ON ANYMORE.

OBSERVE, THEN.
THE ULTIMATE BOMB, THE U-BOMB.
YOU KNOW THIS WORD, "STRANGE-LET"?
CONSULT YOUR MASTERS, THE GUARDIANS, IF YOU FAIL TO GRASP THE IMPLICATIONS.
YOUR ORDERS ARE TO "NEUTRALIZE" ME.
MU OFFERS NOW A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.
BLACKSTAR PARALLAX.
MU IS THE CONTROLLER.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YOU ARE THE CONTROLLED.
WHAT THE HELL?
WHAT IS THIS?
WHEN THE U-BOMB DETONATES, MU DIES, AS YOUR MASTERS WISH.
WE WILL ALL BE "NEUTRALIZED" TOGETHER.
YOUR MISSION THUS ACCOMPLISHED.

...STAY AWAY FROM MY DAUGHTER, SPACE BASTARD!
ADAM, DON'T!
JUST FOR ONCE...
DON'T SHOOT THE MONSTER.
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
WHAT ARE YOU?
WE ARE YOUR CONTROLLER, ADAM.
WE ARE CONTROLLER MU.
--EXO-MANTLE JUMP-MODE--
--ENGAGE.
...HE THREATENED MY DAUGHTER!
NOBODY THREATENS MY DAUGHTER.

MU'S LESSON WAS FOR YOU, BLACKSTAR PARALLAX.
YOU'RE A PART OF US NOW, WHETHER YOU THINK YOU ARE OR NOT.
EVERYTHING YOU DO IS WHAT WE WANT YOU TO DO.
EVERY ACTION ADVANCES OUR CAUSE.
...DO THE MASTER'S WILL!
ALANNA, NO!
YOU CAN'T SHOOT!
WHAT IF YOU HIT ALEEA?
SHOW HIM HOW IT WORKS!
IT'S A BLUFF--
THEY CAN'T-- NO ONE WOULD--
...ALEEA!
HAHAHA HA!


A STRANGELET, SHE SAID--
WE'RE DONE.
DO NOT HESITATE, HAL JORDAN!
DO NOT FALTER!
U-BOMB DETONATION CAUSES ALL MATTER IN THE UNIVERSE TO BIND TO A COMPRESSED QUARK CORE--
REACTION: INSTANTANEOUS.

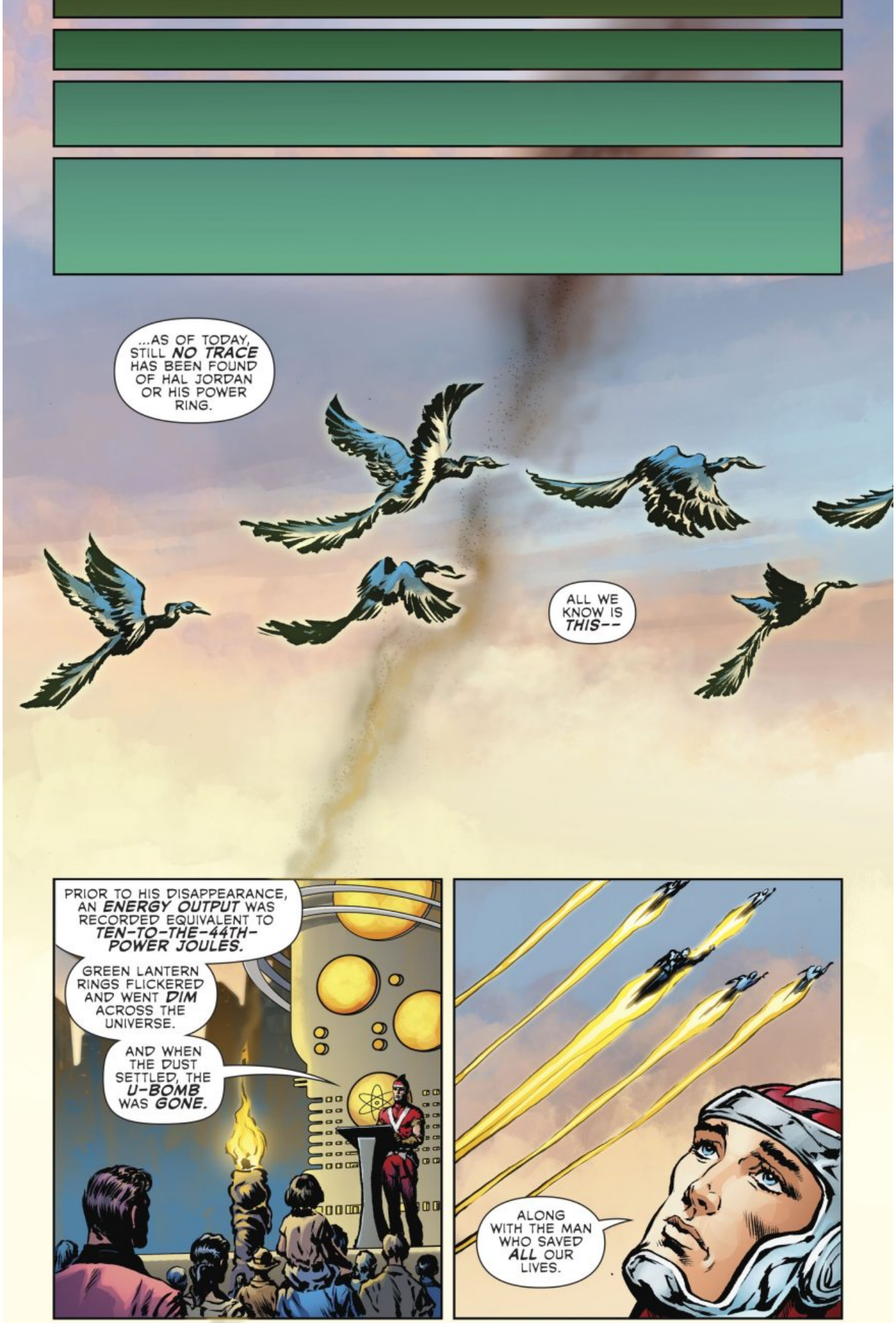
RESULT: TOTAL ANNIHILATION.
WHATEVER IT TAKES, JORDAN!
INCLUDING YOUR LIFE!
DISARM THE U-BOMB!

WE'RE DIVERTING ALL THE POWER YOU NEED FROM CENTRAL BATTERY RESERVES.
DISARM THE U-BOMB!

TOTAL ANNIHILATION.
TOTAL ANNIHILATION.
NOW YOU TELL ME!

TOTAL ANNIHILATION.
LUCKY FOR YOU--

--I HAVE A BETTER IDEA.

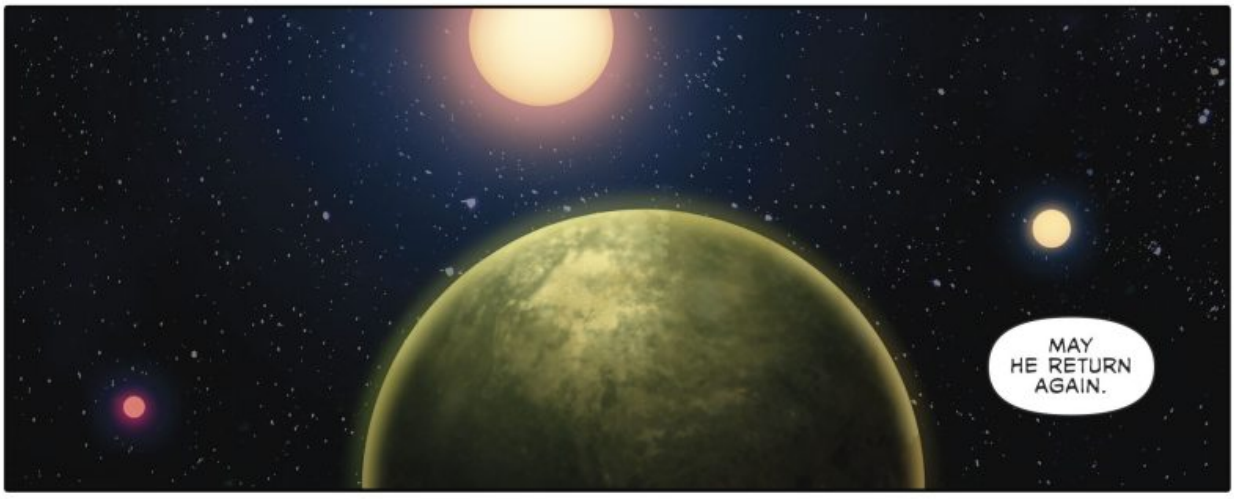

...AS OF TODAY, STILL NO TRACE HAS BEEN FOUND OF HAL JORDAN OR HIS POWER RING.
ALL WE KNOW IS THIS--
PRIOR TO HIS DISAPPEARANCE, AN ENERGY OUTPUT WAS RECORDED EQUIVALENT TO TEN-TO-THE-44TH-POWER JOULES.
GREEN LANTERN RINGS FLICKERED AND WENT DIM ACROSS THE UNIVERSE.
AND WHEN THE DUST SETTLED, THE U-BOMB WAS GONE.
ALONG WITH THE MAN WHO SAVED ALL OUR LIVES.

AND SO, WE GATHER HERE TODAY TO HONOR HAL JORDAN, GREEN LANTERN OF RANN.
WE PRAY FOR HIS SAFETY...AND-- AND--

AND MAYBE I GET TO HUG MY WIFE AND CHILD BEFORE--
--BEFORE--
--BEFORE--

ADAM!
YOU'RE FADING.
ZETA BEAM-- VRRPZZZ-- WEARING OFF--
ZKKT RETURNING ME TO ZKZK EARTH-- COLD--
--I HEAR-- RRRRPPPP-- PENGUINS?-- EMPEROR PENG--

HE IS GONE.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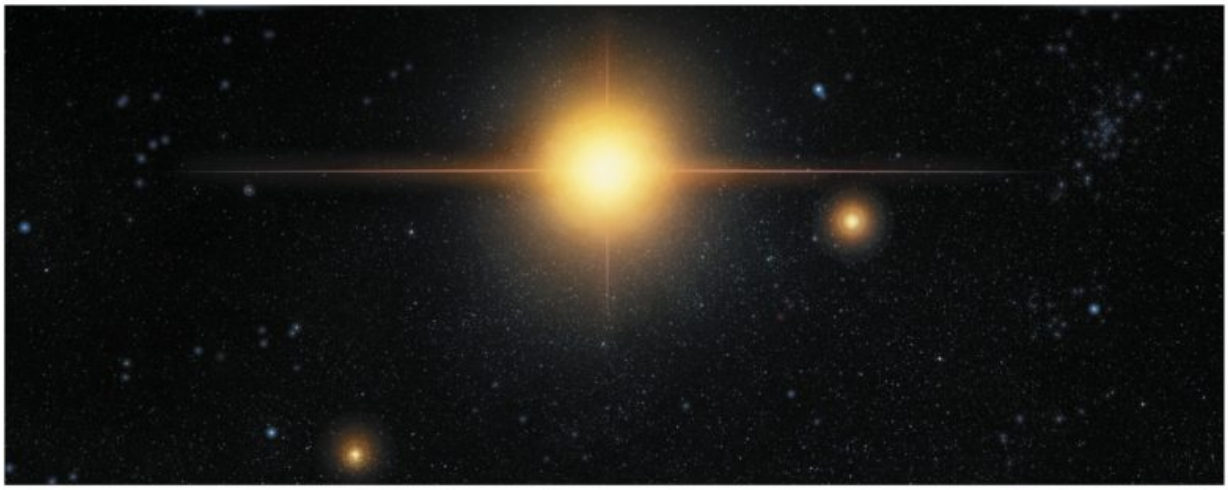
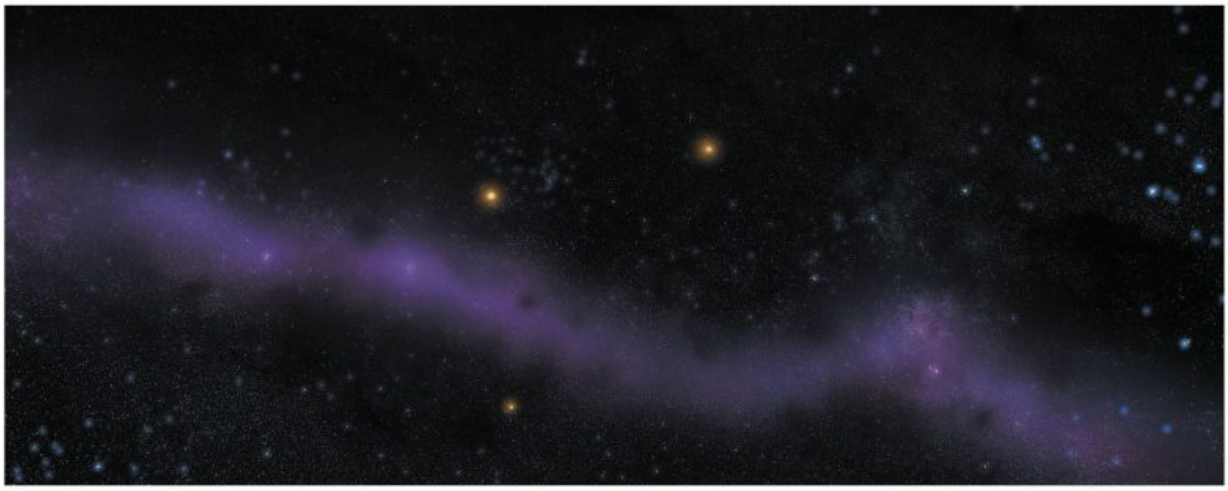
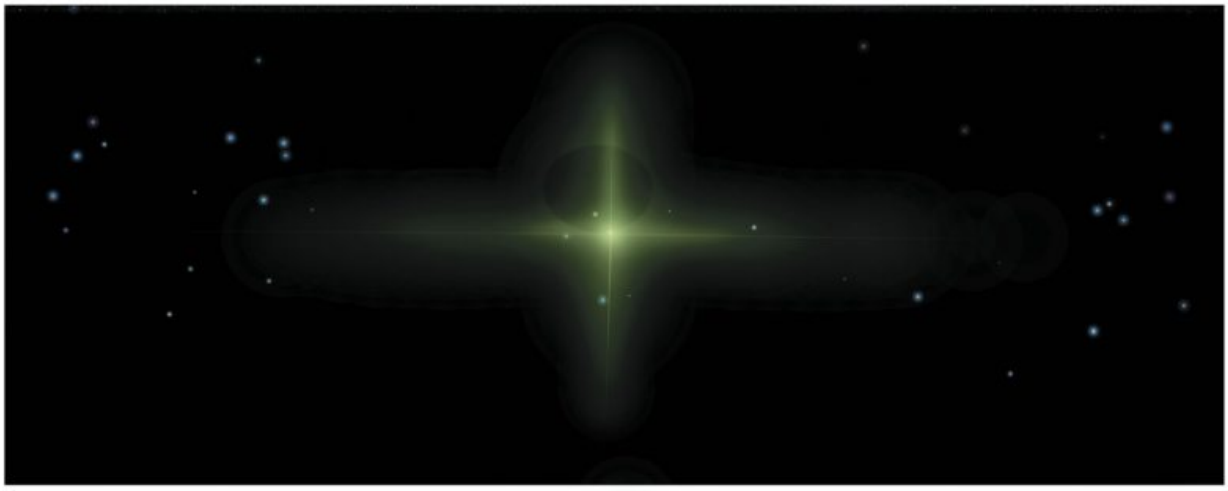
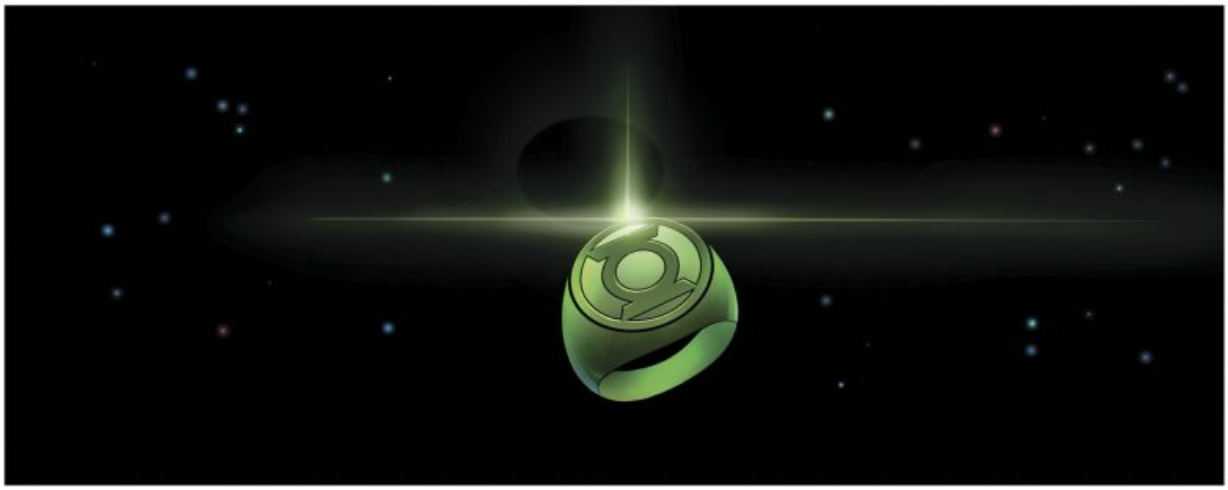
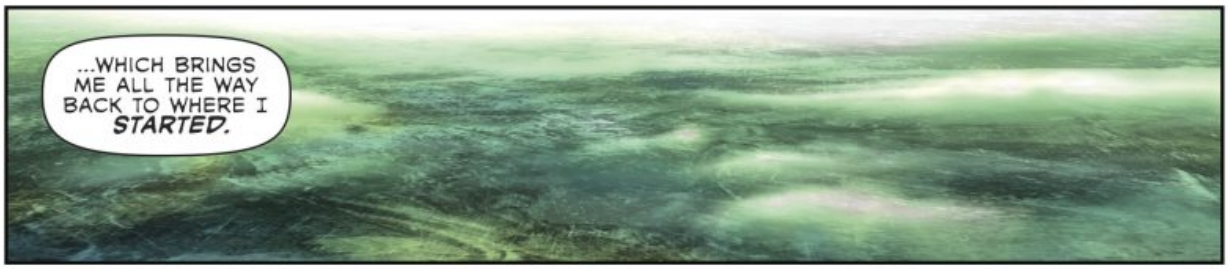


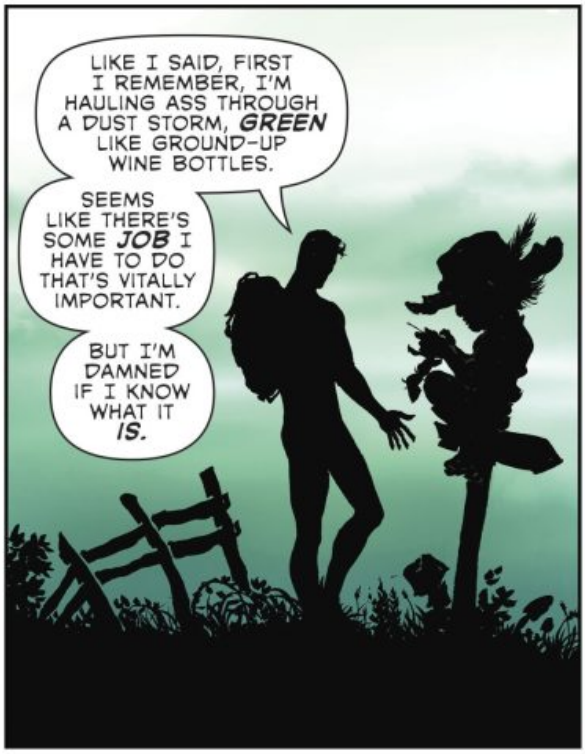







...WHICH BRINGS ME ALL THE WAY BACK TO WHERE I STARTED.

NOT MUCH OF A STORY, I GUESS.
THERE'S NOT A LOT TO TELL.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SEEMS LIKE THERE'S SOME JOB I HAVE TO DO THAT'S VITALLY IMPORTANT.
BUT I'M DAMNED IF I KNOW WHAT IT IS.

ANYHOW.
YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I'VE SEEN SINCE I FOLLOWED THIS ROAD OUTTA THE DESERT--
GUESS I WAS HOPING FOR SOME DIRECTION.
WHHRRMMM?

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An interview with director DAVID F. SANDBERG

Were you familiar with Shazam?

David F. Sandberg: I wasn't that familiar. I'd seen him. I knew he was a part of the Justice League, the comics and the animated show and stuff like that. But I'd never seen the '70s version. So, I kind of missed his heyday back where I'm from.

Shazam is a unique property—a boy transforming into an adult superhero. Is that what hooked you in?

David: Absolutely. I mean, every kid dreams about being Superman and this is a kid who basically gets to become Superman. But he doesn't just get the superpowers, he also becomes an adult. So, in a way it's like the movie Big but with superpowers, so it's even better, you know.

How are you going to approach the magic of the story?

David: One of the unique aspects is that his power comes from magic. He's not like Superman who's an alien or Wonder Woman who is an Amazon. It's magic that's real. He gets this power from a wizard.

How did you approach keeping that teenage voice in a grown man?

David: Well, I think the casting was super important because we had to find someone who can feel like a kid in a grown-up's body. I think a mistake a lot of people make when grown-ups try to play kids is that they just sort of lower the IQ and they just play it dumber. Kids aren't necessarily dumber. They're just sort of more enthusiastic about life and they don't have that sort of boring filter that a lot of adults have. So that's what we were looking for, and we absolutely found it in Zachary Levi.

Was this a fun story to tell?

David: Yeah. What I love about Shazam are the many unique aspects. You have that aspect of the boy who becomes an adult superhero. You have the aspect of the importance of family. And that it is, in many ways, a more family-oriented film than many of the other superhero movies. So it's just, it's just a unique project in so many ways.

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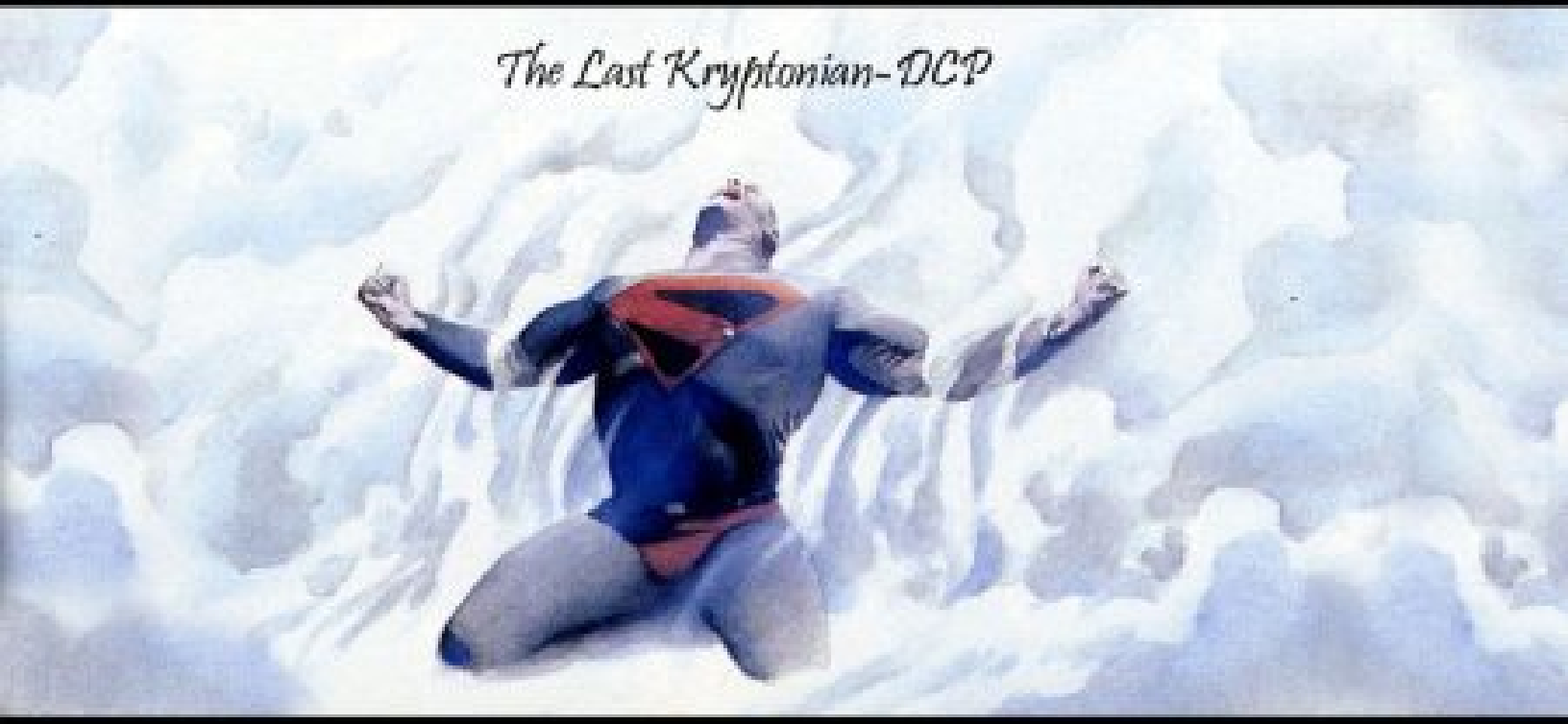
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